

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1536 without my signature.

This bill completely circumvents the authority of the Los Angeles Police Chief by authorizing security guards employed by the city to have the power to arrest if they enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the city instead of the Police Department. Just as with other grants of limited peace officer authority pursuant to the Penal Code, public officers should enter into an MOU with the appropriate law enforcement agency. Accountability is diminished by allowing an agency, other than the appropriate police agency with jurisdiction over the area, to grant traditional peace officer powers to any group.

For this reason I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger